

# Naplander Manager Wants Young Players Or Large Sum of Money for Stovall

## DAVIS WILLING TO LET STOVALL GO FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

Can't Understand Attitude of Other Managers.

## WILL TAKE MONEY OR NEW MATERIAL

Cleveland Leader Touts First Baseman As One of Best In Business.

"I am willing to part with George Stovall," said Manager Harry Davis, of the Cleveland Naps, at the meeting in Chicago, "but no one will talk sense. These folks all seem to think that I am anxious to get rid of Stovall. I'm not. I'm willing to part with him only for a good price, either in money or young players, preferably the latter. I'm trying to build up the Cleveland club and young players would please me most. 'What I can't understand is the attitude of the other managers. They act as if they considered Stovall useless to the Cleveland club, now that I am making it. That isn't so at all. George will play first base for us, unless beaten out by Ed Hohnhorst. He is a good player, one of the best in the business, and I'd be a fool to let him go for a mere song."

## Many Are Entered In Championship Run

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—A good entry list has been received for the senior A. U. cross-country championship run, which is to be held here tomorrow over the Fairmount Park course. Championship medals will be given the first ten to finish, also five medals to the members of the winning team, and three team prizes, one of them being for a novice club.

## Bowling Matches on Local Alleys Taking Place This Evening

Departmental League—Census vs. Commissioners.  
Mt. Pleasant League—Meridian vs. Fairmont.  
Saengerbund League—Mozarts vs. Wagners.  
District Duckpin League—Nationals vs. Mt. Vernons.  
Arcade League—Laborites vs. Maplewoods.  
Northeastern League—Rosadales vs. Fatimas.  
Commercial League—Evening Star vs. Boston Baking Company.  
Southern Railway Clerks' League—Freight vs. Tie and Timber.  
Rural Mail Clerks' League—Treats vs. Deuces.  
Northwest League—All teams.  
Spalding Council League—Sheehy vs. Normoyses.  
Remington League—Paragons vs. Adders.

## TRAINING IS HARD WORK FOR PLAYERS

Athletes, Preparing for Opening of Regular Season, Suffer Many Aches and Pains, and Veterans Hate Daily Stunts Necessary to Condition Them.

By "SENATOR."

"What do these fellows do when they go on these training trips?" asked a National roofer the other day. "I suppose they play ball, and play ball, and play ball some more. I'd get sick of that, I think, after about two days. I don't see why they don't put off this training until a week or so before the season opens. Perhaps then they might show more interest in their games."

Which indicates an absence of knowledge on the part of the fan in question. Ball players on a training trip work so hard that they can hardly rest at night, but they have to do this in order to get into physical trim necessary to start the regular campaign. But they have plenty of amusements, too.

When the bunch of rookies leave here on March 2 for Charlottesville in charge of Manager Clark Griffith, they will spend their time gazing at the scenery. That's because they're rookies. Veterans would have a card game under way by the time they pulled out of the Union Station. The few veterans in that first bunch will be playing poker or whist. John Henry priding himself on his marvelous whist skill. John used to play whist last year in his sleep.

**Have Early Call.**  
At Charlottesville the call will be heard every morning at 7 o'clock. Breakfast done, the athletes will rest before climbing into their duds and marching out upon Lambeth Field for preliminary exercise. For the first few days Griffith will have every man run around the track—not too long, but just long enough to get him puffing and perspiring. Then will come tossing the ball around. That first week will see the twirlers and catchers warming up carefully under the watchful eye of the manager and completing their workout with another fine young June quarter that track. It's this track work that gets on the nerves of the boys. But it builds up their will.

**Groom Likes Checkers.**  
Bobby Groom, the checker king, will seek out some partner of class at the game of squares. Last season Bobby used to pick on Germany Schaefer and Eddie Almsmith, neither of whom can stay with him longer than ten moves. To see Almsmith floundering around trying to keep Bob's vanguard from penetrating his king row, gave the tall twirler great amusement. Finally Jimmy McAleer took Sir Robert in tow and soundly trounced him so often that Bobby concluded that the checker game was a great mystery to him.

**"Gabby" Will Talk.**  
Gabby Street? Oh, Gabby will be in the center of a large throng of open-mouthed citizens of Charlottesville, telling of his adventures in the Spanish War, when he and his brave companions of an Alabama regiment cut down all the trees in Florida, or narrating his experiences in the San Francisco earthquake. However, here's one best bet—Gabby will be talking and will have all the citizens in the town listening.

"Dutch" Schaefer? The first baseman will spend his afternoons telling funny stories to all who can get near enough to hear street. Also, Germany may be seen on the public thoroughfares, gazing at the best of the two affords. And the evenings? Look back upon the doings of the afternoon and remember it. That's what they'll do in the evenings, Hughes particularly. It is probable that Manager Griffith will have talks with the players this year in the early evening, telling them a few things to remember during the season to come.

**Plenty of Work.**  
During the two weeks that the whole team will be on hand they will get all the work they'll need for conditioning. Griffith is a baseball for this. He'll have the boys working their heads off on the field. The rookies all go to the training camp filled with glee. In a few days they are so filled with aches and pains that all the glory of being in the big show has departed. They long for a rest, for a chance to sleep peacefully, for an opportunity to recover from the terrific strain.

**Stress on Batting.**  
At Charlottesville the boys will practice from 10:30 until the collegians take the field in the early afternoon. Stress will be laid on batting, everybody taking his turn against all the twirlers in the squad. The fielding, running, and hitting will be watched carefully by Manager Griffith, who will be seeking information about each player. By the time the two games with Virginia come Griffith will know which of his youngsters have sufficient class to warrant their continuance in this league. But, you fans, don't imagine that the noble young athletes don't work hard, and don't need to work hard. They wouldn't do it if it were not necessary, and while getting into shape they work until their muscles are stiff and lame. By the time the battle is on they are conditioned, last out the season. Their arms and legs are strong, their batting eyes good, and their wind excellent. They are in far better condition during the summer than you are. But they have to work to get there.

## Crowd With Attell In But One Bout

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—A friend of Abe Attell's, at Doyle's yesterday, asked the featherweight champion if he had ever received the popular decision in a fight.

"Not that you could notice it," Attell chuckled, delightedly. "The crowd has always been against me, partly because of my race and partly because they wanted to see the under dog win." "Cudgel your brain a little, Abe, and see if you can dig up one instance where the gang was with you," some one said.

"Oh, yes," Attell purred. "It was with Battling Nelson, when he and I went twenty rounds at San Francisco. In the last four rounds the house got up on chairs and yelled for me to knock him out. I thought I was dreaming. As I was about to shoot one over to the jaw it dawned on me and I had to stop and laugh—thinking of those rumbles shouting for me to do the impossible."

That was the only time in my life the crowd was with me, and as I sat in my chair after the last round I had to laugh again, for I was saying to myself, 'Talk about unpopular guys! But must be the limit. When they pull for me to win, where does Bat get off?'

## MAX MILLER SENDS TURNER CHALLENGE TO DECIDE TITLE

Alabama Wrestler Wants to Meet Local Athlete Here.

Max Miller, a middleweight wrestler of Birmingham, Ala., who has been performing throughout the South this season, has written to Manager Peck, of the Gayety Theater, asking that he be booked to meet Joe Turner, the local middleweight, who has been attracting much attention in this city.

## Americus Wins Two Falls From Parrelli

Americus, the light-heavyweight champion of the East, won two falls from John Parrelli, the Italian champion in the same class, last night at the Lyceum Theater. For the most part the match was closely contested, the performers being of much the same weight, but Americus demonstrated more cleverness than his opponent.

## Clark Griffith Made No Effort to Trade Henry

Clark Griffith reached town this afternoon from the Chicago meeting of the American League.

"There was absolutely no foundation for the report that I attempted to trade Henry for George," the manager of the Nationals declared. "Several other managers talked to me about exchanges of players, but aside from the sale of Gessler there was nothing that transpired at the meeting that would be of direct interest to the baseball public of Washington."

## JOHNSON SECOND BEST PERFORMER

Nationals' Great Twirler Looms Up High In Real Worth, Judged By Mathewson's Method, and Bender Takes Sudden Fall.

For actual value, based on his work for the team contrasted to the work of the other pitchers, Walter Johnson, the "smoke ball hurler" of the Nationals, under the method invented by Christy Mathewson to find the real mound leader, was the second best pitcher in the American League last season, Gregg alone leading him.

When Christy Mathewson proposed a new way to figure the pitching averages of the big twirlers, he little wotted that with one bump his system would knock all the Athletic twirlers from the top of the percentage column, tie Lake of the lowly Browns and Bender for the only place in the first ten of the American League slabs held by Mack's men. But that is just what Christy's system would do, and moreover Gregg and Johnson would top the list.

The method of calculating position proposed by "Big Six" is simple. Just subtract the team's average from the average of the pitcher. If he has a better one than his club, there will be a slight remainder to show how much better he was than his companions, and give him what Mathewson considers his true rating.

Just two pitchers get a really great boost by using this system. Johnson, of the Nationals, and Lake, of St. Louis, are shoved "way up." Combs, Plank, and Morgan, of the Athletics, disappear from the first ten, and only Bender of all the Athletics remains. Works and Mullin, the only Tigers figuring, stay about where they are in the official tables.

This, of course, takes no account of Covington, who tops the official list, and who would still be there with a remainder percentage of .27, but since no one would care to say that he was last season's leading pitcher, he might as well be kept out of the calculations.

Walsh, Krapp, and Wood are lifted above their positions, and there is little doubt that Mathewson's system puts them nearer where they belong than the official figures. Each man's average tops his club's by a very considerable margin.

Using the Mathewson method of calculating a pitcher's worth, this would be the ranking of the twirlers in the American League. We give the first ten under the Mathewson system, their

Official Rank	Player	W.	L.	Pct.	Per. Avg.
1	Gregg, Cleveland	23	7	.767	.523
2	Johnson, Washington	23	15	.605	.416
3	Ford, New York	22	11	.667	.500
4	Works, Detroit	11	5	.688	.579
5	Bender, Philadelphia	17	5	.773	.692
6	Lake, St. Louis	19	15	.560	.286
7	Walsh, Chicago	27	18	.600	.500
8	Krapp, Cleveland	12	8	.600	.523
9	Wood, Boston	23	17	.575	.500
10	Mullin, Detroit	18	10	.643	.578

## Two Games at Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow Evening

Basketball and indoor baseball games will be seen at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tomorrow night, the Memorial and Regular quints of the Association having booked a contest, and the Y. M. C. A. and Ingram nines being scheduled to meet.

## U. OF MARYLAND IS TRYING TO ARRANGE GAME WITH HAWAII


St. Johns and Pennsylvania Included In Former's Schedule.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 16.—The management of the University of Maryland baseball team is dickering with the manager of the baseball team of the College of Hawaii for a game to be played in Baltimore on May 17. The contest will be a feather in the cap of the University of Maryland if landed.

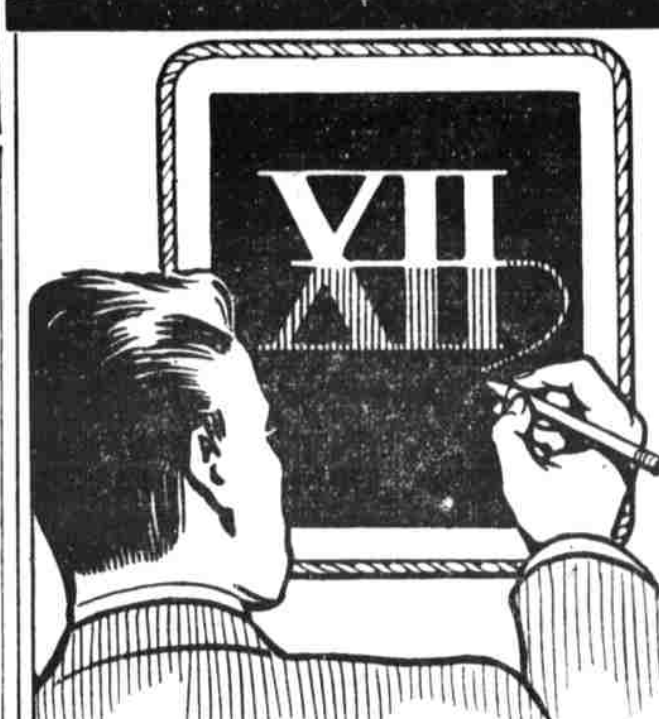
The University of Maryland schedule includes St. Johns, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Navy, Swarthmore, Yale, and Cornell.

## Pelicans At Colon.

COLON, Canal Zone, Feb. 16.—Light practice was held today by the New Orleans club of the Southern League in preparation for tomorrow's exhibition game with the Colon club of the Canal League. The Pelicans are in good shape and look for a victory.



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